

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 1, 2015

SWAC met in Room 121, Public Safety Training Facility, 5370 Public Safety Place, Frederick.

Members present: Peter Blood (Chair), Patrick Miglio (Vice Chair), Roland Clark, Bryan Malseed, Zach Fleagle, and Phil LeBlanc. Also attending were Phil Harris (DUSWM) and Kevin Demosky (Division Director, DUSWM).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with a quorum present.

Pat Miglio volunteered to be the recorder of minutes.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved without comment.

Phil Harris gave the Department update:

- As previously reported, the Market Price Index (MPI) for recyclable materials commodities has been fairly high for the past year, having increased to \$101/ton in September, however, the MPI dropped to \$80/ton in February. Phil noted that the downward trend continues, and if it persists the county will likely enter a situation where we must pay to have recyclables processed. This may trigger the need for a budget amendment to cover the cost.
- Recruiting continues for the open position of Business and Commercial Recycling Coordinator. The posting closes 4/8/15.
- The newly hired Residential Recycling Coordinator, Kendall Klosky, started work 4/1/15
- The County Executive is reviewing the Solid Waste Management Plan revisions.
- Household Hazardous Waste drop-off day is May 9.

Other discussion:

- Pat asked if there are plans for the landfill leachate treatment facility equipment that is no longer in use. Phil stated that most of the leachate system infrastructure must remain intact until a permanent by-pass connected to the county sewer system is built. Once this is completed, equipment will be disposed according county guidelines.
- Phil LeBlanc asked if there were any substantial upcoming operational/budget issues that SWAC would be involved in. Phil Harris stated that the current solid waste transfer contract has 2 ½ more years left, with an extension to 5 ½ years so currently there are no operational/budget issues requiring SWAC review.

New business

- County Council member Chmelik has asked if the SWAC meeting could start earlier or be moved to another night to allow him to attend meetings. Initial discussion seemed to indicate that current SWAC members were not in favor of an earlier start time. An alternate

day was discussed briefly, but that too seemed to lose favor as it would require a charter amendment. No decision was made, and the topic was tabled pending further information.

- SWAC will tour the landfill on May 6, with June 3 as an alternate in case of rain.

The next meeting was set for May 6, 2015 at the landfill offices.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.